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GAZA (Reuters) - An Israeli air strike killed five Palestinian militants in the Gaza Strip December 18, Israeli and Palestinian officials said. The Israeli military said in a statement that its aircraft "targeted and identified hitting a squad of terror operatives who were preparing to launch rockets towards Israeli territory". Palestinian hospital officials said the five were militants. Militant groups identified the five dead as members of the Islamic Jihad and Popular Resistance Committees.